

CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-5 and add new claims 6 and 7 as follows:

1. (Cancel) A method for a player to play an improved Blackjack game wherein (i) the player makes a Blackjack wager, (ii) two cards are dealt to the player and to a dealer to define an initial hand, (iii) the player plays the hand according to the rules of Blackjack to define one or more final hands, (iv) the dealer completes the play of the dealer's hand and (v) paying the player if the player's hand defeats the dealer's hand also according to the rules of Blackjack, the improvement comprising:

the player making a separate side wager before the deal of cards; and
if the player's first two cards total twenty according to the rules of Blackjack, issuing an award to the player based upon the player's side wager and if the player's first two cards do not total twenty, the player losing the side wager; and
completing play of the player's and dealer's hands according to the rules of Blackjack.

2. (Cancel) The method of claim 1 including providing an enhanced reward if the dealer's first two cards are a dealer Blackjack.

3. (Cancel) The method of claim 2 including issuing said award according to the following schedule and based on the amount of the side wager,

Same Suited Queens w/dealer Blackjack	at least 1000:1
Same Suited Queens	at least 125:1
Same Value Cards	at least 19:1
Same Suited Cards	at least 9:1
Any 20	at least 4:1

4. (Cancel) An improved electronic device for playing a Blackjack game including a processor, display, a data structure including data representing two or more decks of playing, means for a player to input wagers and a means for the player to control the play of the game, said processor programmed to register the input of a wager and when prompted select from the data structure and display two cards at said display representing an initial Blackjack holding, said player using the control means to control the game to stand or receive additional card(s) to construct and display at said display the player's final Blackjack hand and said process constructing and displaying the dealer's final hand according to the rules of Blackjack and comparing the dealer's and the player's final hand to determine if the player has won their wager according to the rules of Blackjack and if the player has won issue a pay out based upon the player's wager, said improvement comprising:

means for a player to enter a side wager prior to display of the player's initial holding;

said processor programmed to determine is said player's initial holding has a value of 20 and if so to issue an award to the player based on the side wager, otherwise to collect said side wager.

5. (Cancel) The improved electronic device of claim 4 wherein said processor is programmed to compare the dealer's hand and player's initial holdings to and issue the award based upon amount of the side wager and the schedule of,

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Same Suited Queens	at least 125:1
Same Value Cards	at least 19:1
Same Suited Cards	at least 9:1
Any 20	at least 4:1

6. (NEW) A method of placing a wager on a side bet during a blackjack game comprising:

- placing a wager on a side bet;
- dealing two cards to a player responsive to said placing said wager;
- dealing two cards to a dealer responsive to said placing said wager;
- determining a value of said two cards dealt to said player;
- determining a value of said two cards dealt to said dealer;

awarding a payment to said player responsive to a determination of said value of said two cards dealt to said player equaling twenty and a determination of said value of said two cards dealt to said dealer equaling twenty-one; and issuing said payment according to the following schedule and based on the amount of said wager:

- same suited queens with dealer twenty-one pays out at least one thousand to one odds;
- same suited queens pays out at least one hundred twenty-five to one odds;
- same value cards pays out at least nineteen to one;
- same suited cards pays out at least nine to one; and
- any value of twenty pays out at least four to one.

7. (NEW) A product for providing a wager on a side bet during a blackjack game comprising:

- instructions for directing a processor to:
- placing a wager on a side bet;
- dealing two cards to a player responsive to said placing said wager;
- dealing two cards to a dealer responsive to said placing said wager;
- determining a value of said two cards dealt to said player;
- determining a value of said two cards dealt to said dealer;

awarding a payment to said player responsive to a determination of said value of said two cards dealt to said player equaling twenty and a determination of said value of said two cards dealt to said dealer equaling twenty-one; and
issuing said payment according to the following schedule and based on the amount of said wager:

same suited queens with dealer twenty-one pays out at least one thousand to one odds;

same suited queens pays out at least one hundred twenty-five to one odds;

same value cards pays out at least nineteen to one;

same suited cards pays out at least nine to one; and

any value of twenty pays out at least four to one; and

a media readable by said processor that stores said instructions.